

ENFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the meeting of 26th April 2016

Held in the Parish Hall.

To be verified at the next meeting to be held on Wednesday 15th June 2016

Present:	CLlRichard Roberts	Chairman
	CLlr Nigel Murray	Vice Chairman
	CLlrPatricia Holdway, CLlr Bruce Waight	Councillors
	CLlr Michael Fay, CLlr David Harbottle	Councillors
	CLlr D’Arcy-Irvine, CLlr Richard Pettit	Councillors
	CLlr Gareth Holden, CLlr Jane Young	Councillors
	Mrs Elizabeth Harrison	Clerk
	CLlr Charles Howard	Wiltshire Council

The meeting was opened at 7.32pm by CLlr Richard Roberts, Chairman.

16/035 Apologies

Received from CLlr Keron Taylor, Tony Broadbent – SPTA/MOD Liaison, Maria Downham – Police Liaison

16/036 Public Questions

No members of the public attended the meeting.

16/037 Verification of the Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 1st March 2016 were proposed as a true record by CLlr Murray and seconded by CLlr Waight.

16/038 Declarations of Interest

CLlr Young declared the Planning Application (TCA) was on her land.

16/039 Matters Arising

i. Tidworth Community Awards

This was held on Thursday 21st April at the Wellington Academy in Tidworth. The Parish Council had nominated Steve & Tanya Becker for the “Community Area Challenge Cup” for their tireless contributions to the community over the years. Not only did they win this category but they also won the overall winners award. The Deputy Lieutenant of Wiltshire presented the awards for the evening and CLlrs Roberts and Murray were also present in support. Steve Becker emailed the Parish Council before the meeting to say:

“May I take this opportunity to thank the Parish Council, on behalf of Tanya and myself, for putting us forward for the Tidworth Area Community Awards – especially Richard and Nigel who gave up an evening at very short notice to attend the awards ceremony. We feel enormously honoured”.

ii. The Solar Park

CLlr Murray had previously forwarded an email from British Solar Renewables informing us that they will no longer be proceeding with the planned Solar Park in Coombe Lane. A precis of this information is being sent to the Newsletter.

iii. Playpark Equipment Renovations

CLlr Fay reported that he had everything in hand to repaint the swings and replace the basketball hoop and backboard. He intends to do this on Friday morning (29th April). CLlrs. Roberts and Young said they would make themselves available to help.

iv. Gardening Contractors

Cllr Roberts reported that he had received positive comments on the appearance of the Community Garden. The Contractors have done the first major session of working on the plants and borders to get them in order and continue to return every couple of weeks to cut the grass. The Playpark area is also looking well kept.

16/040 Finance

i. The Clerk reported that the first tranche of the 16/17 Precept and Grant had been received. This was a figure of £5,208.36. As the total request was over £10,000 it is split into two payments and the second is due on or shortly before 30th September 2016. No bank statement has yet been issued for April but the carry forward balance from March 16 was £3,263.34 giving a total of £8,471.70.

ii. The accounts for 2015/16 have been brought up to audit level and Steve Becker is in the process of doing the internal audit. After this the accounts will have to be verified at a Council meeting and signed off to reach the external Auditors by 24th June. Anyone wishing to view the accounts will need to make an appointment with the Clerk between 3rd June and 11th July (30 working days) however notices to this effect will appear on the boards at the correct time.

Cllr Pettit suggested it might be an idea to publish a summary of the annual accounts in the Newsletter. This will be dealt with at the right time.

16/041 Police Matters

Maria Downham was unable to attend but said there was only one reported item which was the theft of the wooden benches from outside the Village Hall (despite their being chained to the ground!).

16/042 Neighbourhood Watch

Cllr Roberts said there was nothing to report but he had attended a Task Group meeting. There was nothing relating to Enford – mainly Tidworth and missing people on the rise. He also raised a point from Cllr Taylor's email where she has noted 'heavy bike activity' on the Plain and in the field at the top of Grants Road above the garages as well as an increase in obvious dog fouling in the village. Cllr Pettit corroborated the extra bike activity and said it was unlicensed and 'they' come out of large vans that appear on the Plain.

16/043 MOD/ Army Matters

Tony Broadbent had previously sent his apologies as he is away on holiday at present. No report was sent.

16/044 Planning Applications

16/03718/TCA. Councillor Young had put in the application to have two very tall trees by the entrance to the farm topped out. In strong winds they are potentially dangerous. The Council considered this and agreed to support the application.

16/045 Parish Plan

Cllr Murray reported that there were circa 50 items on the list for the Parish Council to sort. A sub-committee would be formed to deal with all of these in due course and the Parish Plan was to be a regular item on the Agenda.

16/046 Unitary Council Matters

Wiltshire Councillor Charles Howard had previously sent a message to say he would be a little late due to a previous meeting. There is not a lot of new information but said he was pleased with the work to date on the A345. He is still keeping an eye on the proposed Traveller development on the old Mink Farm site. The owners have 6 months to appeal and the time runs out on 23rd June. Cllr D'Arcy-Irvine asked if they could put in a different application after 23rd June. Cllr Howard said they could however the main reason it was turned down in the first place was the access to the A345 and that is something that cannot be changed.

Cllr Howard asked Cllr Murray about the new drains recently put in by his house to take the water straight to river. This had been done but unfortunately the road was then re-tarmaced and this has filled the drain to approximately 50% of its capacity.

Cllr Murray informed Cllr Howard of the email from British Solar Renewables and their retraction of the proposed Solar Park. He will forward a copy.

Cllr Waight reported incompetence of the Fire Service to attend a fire in his forklift. They were sent from Ludgershall to Tilshead instead of Tidworth and by the time they arrived, an hour and a half later, the forklift was written off.

16/047 Roads and Highways

Cllr Harbottle reported that:

There is still no knowledge of the 'Coombe Lane' sign and it is unlikely to be replaced in the near future as it is considered a low priority – too minor an issue and too expensive. Cllr Howard agreed the situation and said there was no more he could do about it. We could make our own sign, Cllr Roberts suggested Cllr Harbottle continues to speak to Nick Bancroft on the matter and we should look at costs in a couple of months time. There is no news of repairing the road edges between Enford Hill and the Mink Farm. He will raise it again, coupled with the heavy HGV usage of the A345, at the next Tidworth Transport meeting.

He had attended a meeting on 6th April and the following items were mentioned:

1. Grass Cutting is now Landscape. Re-surfacing is now Tarmac and Potholes etc are now done by Ringway.
2. On 14th October Parish Stewards will be re-instated. A rota will be set up involving all Parish Councils who will nominate a member to act as Liaison officer with the Parish Steward.
3. All essential work will need to be reported through 'My Wiltshire App'.
4. Street cleaning has been awarded an extra £500,000
5. Litter picking cost the Council £2.5 million per year. Litter picking kits are available to Parish Councils but you need to apply for them.
6. Grass cutting by hand (around bus stops etc) to be 3 cuts to the end of April and monthly thereafter.
7. Rural road grass cutting is once a year (it takes 8 weeks to cover the whole county). Jacksons will continue to do the work, they have to cover 2,000 kilometres. For single track roads or danger points Wilts Council now have 6 tractors with flails to deal with these problems.
8. There is no money to look after play areas.
9. Blocked or dangerous gullies are to be reported by APP. There are 24,000 gullies to clean each year.
10. Rural curbs will be swept once a year but any dangerous situations should be reported for special treatment. This does not include PROWs.
11. There are special gangs to deal with signs, chevrons etc.
12. Ringway Parish Stewards will be in vehicles painted yellow with a montage of Stonehenge on one side and a White Horse on the other.

Parish Stewards will all have their own 'patch' and Cllr Harbottle has said he will be Enford's Liaison.

There is a dangerous branch hanging from a tree on Coombe Hill – this has been reported twice already. Cllr Holdway said the potholes on the C32 between Enford and East Chisenbury are getting worse and also reported a 'wobbly' (and noisy) manhole cover in Water Lane.

16/048 Public Rights of Way (PROW)

Cllr Roberts read out Cllr Taylor's email in her absence. Having placed a comprehensive Notice for attracting volunteers to start a 'self-help' PROWs clearing group, there has been no response so far. She reported an increase in the rubbish being dumped in the woods at the back of Water Lane which is MOD land. This should be reported straight to Landmarc. Cllr Pettit suggested we should put up signs about Tipping. Cllr Roberts agreed with Cllr Taylor's comment on the increase in dog fouling and suggested a note in the Newsletter on the fact that it is an offence and there is a fine applicable to this.

There are already volunteers in East Chisenbury and Coombe for clearing PROWs.

16/049 Correspondence

There was no correspondence that had not already been circulated.

16/050 Any Other Business

Cllr Roberts raised the allotment area and its' denizen, asking whether any signed papers had been returned... nothing as yet. A possible clearance in the woods there could include some of the excess from the allotment area.

Cllr Roberts had sent Enford's Emergency Plan to Marc Read.

Apparently Mandy Farrow is looking to repaint a bridge – Cllr Roberts suggested she should check with Wiltshire Council for any planning regulations or restrictions.

Cllr Waight suggested we have a map of the Parish on display with interesting local information. Apparently Fittleton have this and he will find out who made it for them.

Cllr Pettit suggested we organise some boards or take a stand at the Village Fete to try and interest people in volunteering for PROWs, litter picking and other community work.

Cllr Young said that a large branch/bush that came down in the storms has been thrown on the Coronation Seat in the Community Garden. Cllr Waight said he would remove it.

16/051 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 11th May **6.30pm in the Village Hall. The Parish Council AGM**
7.30pm in the Village Hall. The Annual Parish Meeting

Wednesday 15th June 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.40hrs.

Elizabeth Harrison, Clerk - Enford Parish Council